shipping companies to secure loans from foreign sources by mortgaging their ships; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Indian Shipping companies are already availing of loans offered by Foreign Financial Institutions for acquisition of ships against mortgage of Indian ships.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान की रिपोर्ट

1861. **श्री सतीश प्रधान:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली से कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान द्वारा दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने या उनसे बचने के लिए की गई सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) "हेड लाइट ग्लास" के कारण हुई दुर्घटनाओं की कुल संख्या क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार मोटर यान अधिनियम में उपयुक्त संशोधन करके इन सिफारिशों को लागू करने का विचार रखती है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ): प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Damages to the National Highway

1862. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3063 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the complete details regarding damage caused by the flood in the Beas River to Mandi-Rohtang Pass section of the National Highway and also the estimates for repairs; and

(b) if so, when the same were received and what amount have been provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The road in question is National Highway only upto Manali. The Manali-Rohtang Pass section of this road which is not a National Highway, is being maintained by Border Roads Organisation. Flood damage repair estimates amounting to Rs. 768.00 lakhs have been received in October and November, 1993. An amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has so far been released.

Busses to Brij Vihar From Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel

1863. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of routes originating from the Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no direct bus service from Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel to Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P. just near to Vivek Vihar area;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any direct bus service from Central Secretariat and Madras Hotel to Brij Vihar, in vew of the tremendous increase in the number of commuters towards that direction; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor together with the detils of alternative arrangements likely to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH